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This issue of the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION (IJLI) is the proceedings issue for the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) twenty-eighth Course on International Law Librarianship. The conference was held in Istanbul, Turkey from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009.

Istanbul is one of the more exotic locations for the IALL's annual meeting in recent years. Expectations among delegates to the conference were high, and the local planning committee met those expectations. The program was well-balanced between lectures on substantive law and legal information and social and networking opportunities. The program is reproduced in this issue to give IJLI readers who did not attend the conference in Istanbul a detailed itinerary of the event.

The city of Istanbul proved to be a fascinating venue for the meeting, poised as it is between continents, as well as political, social, religious, and cultural practices and beliefs on two continents. There is history at every turn of the labyrinthine city. And it's all accessible with the positively fearless taxi drivers. Conference delegates were able to sample many aspects of this historic, beautiful city, from its many museums and cultural and historic landmarks to its food, dance, bathhouses, shopping and other delights. It was a truly memorable experience for those of us who had never traveled to Turkey before. Many delegates were heard to exclaim how they planned to return and spend more time doing this and such on their next trip.

In keeping with past practice, we have reproduced in this issue a sampling of papers presented at the conference. Written translations of conference papers either prepared or delivered in the language or dialect of the host country are often difficult and/or expensive to procure for publication in the IJLI. This year, we are particularly fortunate to have such a good cross-section of material from the twenty-eighth course. We include papers from **Sami Cukadar & Kerem Kahvecioglu, Serdar Katipoglu, Pervin Dedeler Bezirci,**

**Sibel Ozel, Carol Roehrenbeck, Kathleen Price, Ayhan Kaya, and Yaprak Gursay.** The papers cover a wide range of material, and all make for great reading and useful reference material. Of course, in this issue we also have book reviews edited by **Thomas Mills** and the International Calendar, edited by **Aslihan Bulut**.

The Istanbul conference was truly a wonderful learning experience. If you have not yet attended an IALL conference, consider attending the next one, scheduled for December 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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